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It is floated down the river Salween, and may be considered as the only source of supply to the navy-yards in Great Britain of timber of that description. Starting afresh with 150 men and 33 elephants, he passed for three days down the banks of the river Ping, and thence across the great pine-covered mountain-chain which divides Siam from Her Majesty's possessions in Burmah and Tenasserim, and reached Moulmein in twenty-four days.

The CHAIRMAN, after reminding the Fellows of the achievements of Sir R. Schomburgk through a long series of years, and after due praise of his present labours, called upon his friend Mr. Crawford, who knew so much about Siam, to speak on the subject under consideration.

MR. CRAWFORD said they had heard the nature of the country which Sir Robert Schomburgk had visited. That gentleman was twenty-four days upon his journey, and he travelled across the very same sort of country as that through which their friend Captain Sprye desired to carry on the whole of the trade of China. It was a country of extreme difficulty to traverse,—a pathless mountainous forest. His friend the Chairman told him that he ought to say something about the white elephants of the country, and he would do so shortly. The King of Siam had white elephants. He believed he had six when he was there; he saw four, and there were two he did not see. A white elephant was regarded by ourselves as a defective animal; but the Siamese believed in the transmigration of souls, and they believed that a white elephant contained the soul of a king on his way to beatitude. Alluding to the trade of Siam, he said that it had risen to the extent of half a million of exports, and half a million of imports. There was some of the best fruit in the world in the country, and much corn, but with respect to animal food the Siamese were not abundantly supplied.

The Meeting was then adjourned to March 25th.

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*Ninth Meeting, March 25th, 1861.*

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, VICE-PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

ON assembling the Chairman said, "Our gracious Patron the Queen having met with the first real affliction in her life, and the mother of our Sovereign having been interred this day, the Council of our Society has decided that all business be suspended, and that this our ordinary Meeting be adjourned.

"For my own part, let me assure you that the untoward conjunction of the day of our meeting with that of this Royal burial was not brought to my mind until the close of last week, when it was too late to call together a Council and announce publicly that the Meeting would be adjourned. Acting therefore for my friend, our President, Lord Ashburton, who is detained in the country by ill-health, I took upon myself to propose to the Council, this afternoon, that no business should be transacted in the evening, but that, out of courtesy to Members and their friends, who have had no notice of the postponement, I should take the Chair, and make the explana-

tion which was due to them. On this melancholy occasion, when the whole nation is sympathising with their Sovereign, I am sure, Gentlemen, that, as Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society, you unite with the Council and myself in the expression of our devotion to our illustrious Patron, and our heartfelt sorrow for the bereavement she has sustained; and I have now, therefore, simply to announce that this meeting is adjourned to the 8th April."

The Meeting then adjourned to April 8th.

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*Tenth Meeting, April 8th, 1861.*

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, VICE-PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

PRESENTATIONS.—*Commander Peché H. Dyke, R.N.; the Rev. C. H. Wallace; Robert Armstrong; and E. W. H. Schenley, Esqrs., were presented upon their Election.*

ELECTIONS.—*Colonel W. Anderson, C.B.; the Earl of Erroll; Lieut.-Colonel G. P. Evelyn; Captain Fitzgerald; the Hon. Dudley Fortescue, M.P.; Captain Francis Green; Dr. James Hector, M.D.; Rev. John Henn; Consul G. S. Lennox Hunt; Colonel James Holland; Captain Richard Llewellyn; Lieut. H. Matthew Miller, R.N.; and J. B. Arundel Acland; John Baker; H. Lewis Bartlett; Higford Burr; Alfred John Elkington; W. Kennedy Erskine; R. W. Kennard, M.P.; Patrick C. Leckie; W. John Legh, M.P.; F. Lehmann; Swallow Leyland; T. Kerr Lynch; W. Morgan, R.N.; T. Page, C.E.; L. M. Rate; W. Reid, C.E.; Graham Moore; Robertson James Theobald, Jun.; and C. Essington Walker, Esqrs., were elected Fellows.*

ACCESSIONS.—Among the accessions to the Library and Map Rooms since the last Meeting were Harper's American edition of Burton's Lake Regions of Central Africa; Petherick's Egypt, Soudan, and Central Africa; Vol. XI. of Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge; La Confédération Argentine, by Dr. F. M. de Moussy; Plan of J. McDouall's Discovery; Continuation of Ordnance Maps of Ireland; and several atlases, maps, and plans of towns, presented by A. West, Esq., &c. &c.

EXHIBITIONS.—Geological specimens, collected by Mr. F. T. Gregory in North-Western Australia, were exhibited by Professor Tennant, F.R.G.S.: and some specimens of Australian native workmanship by Captain W. Parker Snow.